



LONGMEADOW

Hampden County



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NARRATIVE

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Longmeadow is an affluent suburban town on the primary corridor between Springfield and Hartford. The town was settled by Springfield residents in the late 1640's and agriculture was the main colonial pursuit. Townspeople continued to turn towards Springfield for industrial, religious and educational needs until 1716, since Longmeadow's lack of much fertile land and water power sources inhibited the commercial and industrial growth of the town. In 1716, however, the first meetinghouse in town was built near the junction of Longmeadow and Williams Streets and the town's first cemetery followed immediately after.

Only for one short period in the mid-19th century did Longmeadow show some significant industrial development, when the manufacture of gold and silver thimbles, spectacles, cloth-covered buttons and bricks provided non-farm jobs in the town. The lack of major industrial capacity may have contributed to the town's gaining the 20th century reputation as being the most desirable of all Springfield's residential suburbs.

Growing as a suburban bedroom community, Longmeadow gained over 4,000 people between 1915 and 1940 and its character as an entirely residential community was established. The town retains handsome Colonial and Federal period houses around the green and historic 19th century houses in the estate district of Forest Park.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southwestern Massachusetts, bordered by the Connecticut River and Agawam on the west; Springfield on the north; East Longmeadow on the east; and Enfield, Connecticut, on the south. Longmeadow is 91 miles southwest of Boston; 23 miles north of Hartford, Connecticut; and 133 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 9.50 sq. miles

Land Area: 9.02 sq. miles

Population: 15,467

Density: 1,715 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Springfield Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....74.1°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Springfield South

Regional Planning Agency

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Springfield



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 567-1066

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen
Executive Secretary
Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1783

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

| | Number | % | |
|-------------------|--------|------|---|
| Total Registered | 9,778 | | |
| Democrats | 2,986 | 30.5 | % |
| Republicans | 3,018 | 30.9 | % |
| Other parties | 9 | 0.1 | % |
| Unenrolled Voters | 3,765 | 38.5 | % |

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Longmeadow town, Hampden County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

| Subject | Number | Percent | Subject | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|--|--------|---------|
| Total population..... | 15,633 | 100.0 | HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE | | |
| SEX AND AGE | | | Total population..... | 15,633 | 100.0 |
| Male..... | 7,303 | 46.7 | Hispanic or Latino (of any race)..... | 170 | 1.1 |
| Female..... | 8,330 | 53.3 | Mexican..... | 18 | 0.1 |
| Under 5 years..... | 966 | 6.2 | Puerto Rican..... | 48 | 0.3 |
| 5 to 9 years..... | 1,197 | 7.7 | Cuban..... | 11 | 0.1 |
| 10 to 14 years..... | 1,294 | 8.3 | Other Hispanic or Latino..... | 93 | 0.6 |
| 15 to 19 years..... | 1,036 | 6.6 | Not Hispanic or Latino..... | 15,463 | 98.9 |
| 20 to 24 years..... | 419 | 2.7 | White alone..... | 14,793 | 94.6 |
| 25 to 34 years..... | 1,007 | 6.4 | RELATIONSHIP | | |
| 35 to 44 years..... | 2,437 | 15.6 | Total population..... | 15,633 | 100.0 |
| 45 to 54 years..... | 2,739 | 17.5 | In households..... | 15,241 | 97.5 |
| 55 to 59 years..... | 1,024 | 6.6 | Householder..... | 5,734 | 36.7 |
| 60 to 64 years..... | 729 | 4.7 | Spouse..... | 3,964 | 25.4 |
| 65 to 74 years..... | 1,272 | 8.1 | Child..... | 5,017 | 32.1 |
| 75 to 84 years..... | 1,011 | 6.5 | Own child under 18 years..... | 4,089 | 26.2 |
| 85 years and over..... | 502 | 3.2 | Other relatives..... | 294 | 1.9 |
| Median age (years)..... | 42.9 | (X) | Under 18 years..... | 81 | 0.5 |
| 18 years and over..... | 11,444 | 73.2 | Nonrelatives..... | 232 | 1.5 |
| Male..... | 5,155 | 33.0 | Unmarried partner..... | 106 | 0.7 |
| Female..... | 6,289 | 40.2 | In group quarters..... | 392 | 2.5 |
| 21 years and over..... | 11,010 | 70.4 | Institutionalized population..... | 195 | 1.2 |
| 62 years and over..... | 3,189 | 20.4 | Noninstitutionalized population..... | 197 | 1.3 |
| 65 years and over..... | 2,785 | 17.8 | HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE | | |
| Male..... | 1,126 | 7.2 | Total households..... | 5,734 | 100.0 |
| Female..... | 1,659 | 10.6 | Family households (families)..... | 4,435 | 77.3 |
| RACE | | | With own children under 18 years..... | 2,125 | 37.1 |
| One race..... | 15,536 | 99.4 | Married-couple family..... | 3,964 | 69.1 |
| White..... | 14,917 | 95.4 | With own children under 18 years..... | 1,899 | 33.1 |
| Black or African American..... | 108 | 0.7 | Female householder, no husband present..... | 369 | 6.4 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native..... | 8 | 0.1 | With own children under 18 years..... | 188 | 3.3 |
| Asian..... | 453 | 2.9 | Nonfamily households..... | 1,299 | 22.7 |
| Asian Indian..... | 115 | 0.7 | Householder living alone..... | 1,171 | 20.4 |
| Chinese..... | 161 | 1.0 | Householder 65 years and over..... | 802 | 14.0 |
| Filipino..... | 34 | 0.2 | Households with individuals under 18 years..... | 2,177 | 38.0 |
| Japanese..... | 23 | 0.1 | Households with individuals 65 years and over..... | 1,897 | 33.1 |
| Korean..... | 69 | 0.4 | Average household size..... | 2.66 | (X) |
| Vietnamese..... | 23 | 0.1 | Average family size..... | 3.09 | (X) |
| Other Asian ¹ | 28 | 0.2 | HOUSING OCCUPANCY | | |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander..... | 9 | 0.1 | Total housing units..... | 5,879 | 100.0 |
| Native Hawaiian..... | 3 | - | Occupied housing units..... | 5,734 | 97.5 |
| Guamanian or Chamorro..... | 2 | - | Vacant housing units..... | 145 | 2.5 |
| Samoan..... | - | - | For seasonal, recreational, or | | |
| Other Pacific Islander ² | 4 | - | occasional use..... | 47 | 0.8 |
| Some other race..... | 41 | 0.3 | Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)..... | 0.4 | (X) |
| Two or more races..... | 97 | 0.6 | Rental vacancy rate (percent)..... | 1.1 | (X) |
| <i>Race alone or in combination with one</i> | | | HOUSING TENURE | | |
| <i>or more other races: ³</i> | | | Occupied housing units..... | 5,734 | 100.0 |
| White..... | 15,003 | 96.0 | Owner-occupied housing units..... | 5,211 | 90.9 |
| Black or African American..... | 128 | 0.8 | Renter-occupied housing units..... | 523 | 9.1 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native..... | 34 | 0.2 | Average household size of owner-occupied units..... | 2.75 | (X) |
| Asian..... | 507 | 3.2 | Average household size of renter-occupied units..... | 1.77 | (X) |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander..... | 12 | 0.1 | | | |
| Some other race..... | 57 | 0.4 | | | |

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Longmeadow is located in the Pioneer Valley, known as the crossroads of New England because of its strategic location in the Connecticut River Valley and its excellent transportation facilities. The Massachusetts Turnpike connects the region to Boston and Albany, New York. Interstate 91 provides direct access to Hartford, Connecticut, and to Brattleboro and points north in Vermont.

Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S. Route 5 and Interstate Route 91, which run N-S across Massachusetts, and State Route 192.

Rail

Passenger rail service to Boston, Hartford, New York, Montreal, and all other points on the Amtrak network is available through neighboring Springfield.

Bus

Longmeadow is a member of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA), which provides fixed route service to Enfield, Connecticut. The PVTA also offers paratransit services to the elderly and disabled through Hulmes Transportation.

Other

Westover Metropolitan Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located in neighboring Chicopee, has 2 asphalt and concrete runways 7,050' and 11,600' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Richard Salter Storrs House
697 Longmeadow Street
(413) 567-3600

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Jewish NH Of Western Mass

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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